## FORTY-FOURTH YEAR.

## UNMOVED BY DEATH.

The Stricken City of Johnstown Views Ten Corpses

WITHOUT BEING STARTLED.

That Opera House Disaster is Explained and Investigated,

LEADING TO A VERDICT OF CENSURE

Full Details of the Sad Affair, With Some

Personal Experiences. IT WAS SENSELESS ALARM AND FLIGHT

While there is an element of instruction in the details of the Johnstown Opera House panie and disaster, the principal features thereof have been already told in these columns. The alarm and panie appear senseless, now that cool people on the outside of that little death trap have

counted the cost. The Coroner's jury yes-

terday condemned the Opera House and

recommended official action against it. PROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. JOHNSTOWN, December 11.—There is but little excitement in Johnstown, though ten of its inhabitants lie dead, their poor bodies trampled, blackened and crushed by their frightened fellows, in a wild desire to escape death. Nothing short of an earthquake will stir Johnstown after the late delage with its ghasily results. Little groups of citizens ghastly results. Little groups of citizens can be seen on the street corners, discussing the situation, but there is not much external

manifestation of feeling. It may be because the majority of the unfortunate dead are newcomers in the kind and willing hands carried out the dead and wounded—when it was too late. place that the people show so much apathy; but I think there is a deeper reason. Death, except as it comes groping after them individually, has no terrors, after the late flood,



Esterior of the Little Death Tran for the present generation of the Mountain City citizens, and the presence of cold, stark bodies, whether drowned or suffocated in a theater panic, elicits little response

from the native.

EASILY TOLD IN BRIEF.

There is not much to add, except by way of description and a further list of the injured, to the admirable account of the panic in the Parke Theater which appeared in THE DISPATCH of to-day. The names of washed and prepared for burial by Andrew washed and prepared for burial by Andrew the dead are correct, and the wounded are yet to be given. It is the old story of an opera house with insufficient exite, a cry of fire, panic, a wild rush; a fearful struggle and crush for 25 minutes; the shouts of men and screams of frantic women, the groams of injured and dying, and, in the end, ten dead and a score or more inthe most toolish thing recently heard of, and, when one looks at the miserable little deathtrap, with its one narrow stairway, he wonders how it is possible such a catastrophe should have occurred. But at any rate the awful truth must be told.

THE PLACE WAS PACKED.

was performing in the Parke Opera House. Messrs. Flinn and McCann, the managers, elaim the house will hold 800 people, comfortably seated, and over 700 were present. In short, the auditorium was packed. The house is divided into a parquet and two galleries, the first of the latter running around to the two proscenium walls, and the upper one taking up the space in the rear of the hall. A narrow stairway about six feet wide, leading from the street to the rear portion of the room, is the only means of ingress and egress. The galleries are not high above the parquet, and an ordinary acrobat could stand on the top railing of the ble scene only confirm what I have deupper gallery and turn a somersault, coming down on his feet below without hurting

ing down on his feet below without hurting himself.

It was in an abominable, insignificant place like this that so much havoe was wrought.

FUST AT EVA'S DEATH SCENE.

The company was playing the parts in the last scenes when the fatal moment arrived. Eva was about to depart to the angelic regions beyond, which in a few short moments became a sad reality to ten of the audience. A fire bell rang, somebody cried out in the gallery, and the partic was complete. The people in the parquet rose up with ashen faces—for death seemed to be after them individually—and made one wild rush for the narrow staircase. A crowd of idiots stood at the doors below and tried to enter the hall. A blockade followed, and the death-trap was soon filled with strangeling humanhall. A blockade followed, and the deathtrap was soon filled with struggling humanity. Ordinarily 20 average men would take
up all the room in the cheese-box, but it is
claimed that at least 100 people got packed
in the stairway.

Then ensued a struggle for life that was
terrible. The weaker were pressed to the
floor and trampled as if undera Juggernaut.
One strong man, wedged in near the door,

when the water was turned off.

One strong man, wedged in near the door, braced himself for a final effort; but he might The Parke Theater, or Main Street Opera House, as it has been called in latter days, was built 20 years ago. By a strange coin-cidence, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was the first play presented, and then the house was not

ns well have attempted to remove a stone wall by banging his head against its rocks.

Leading from the stage to the street is a narrow stairway, down which one man can walk at a time. Some of the frightened people rushed for the stage, and in their play pre-

anxiety broke some of the electric lamps on

THE LIGHTS WERE KEPT GOING. and probably will end with the performance of "Uncle Tom." The poor old negro has sent Eva to heaven often, but last night he watched 10 human beings go down to death. Public opinion has condemned the Opera House as unsafe for some years, though it was never officially put under the ban. There is no building inspector in the town, but there is loud complaint against the Mayor and Council that they did not compel the owners to provide proper exits and fire escapes. It is claimed that efforts have been made often to have the building condemned, but it was never done. More than one man was heard to say that he never would enter the place, and it is a fact that people who valued their lives never Manager Flinn, who was on the stage Manager Flinn, who was on the stage and realised at once there was no fire, reached forward to keep the lights from going out. God only knows what would have happened then if darkness had suddenly ensued. The manager and actors called to the people, "Sit down!" "Stand back!" "There is no fire!" and some of the cooler beads in the nudlence ably assisted them. But their cries for order were useless. Men jumped from the upper galleries down into jumped from the upper galleries down into the parquet, and at every window from the

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turned a hose on them, and this had some good effect, though the terrified people would persist in rushing back. For fully 26 minutes the struggle lasted,

when it began to dawn upon the audience that there was no fire and no danger. There

AFTER THE MAD RUSH.

SCENES POLLOWING THE PANIC, WITH

THEIR LESSONS.

The Dend and Dying Cared For-One Very

Citizens Had Avoided the

Death Trup-Why Wasn't

It Condemned?

JOHNSTOWN, December 11 .- When the

TYROM A STAFF COURSPONDEST.

carried out, screaming with pain. The poor

died shortly afterward in John Thomas'

articles for a living. He had a handsome face, and more than one tear was shed over

his remains at the mergue this morning. His face was bruised slightly, but aside

blood that had poured through his mouth and nose. He was tramped to death be-neath the heavy heels of men and women.

washed and prepared for burial by Andrew Rambacher, who came to Johnstown the

day after the flood, and has worked like a hero here ever since.

In one part of the room was Mrs. Burns.

the mother, and a short distance away was

the body of Miss Clara Burns, the daughter. The shriveled features of the elder gave her

a ghostly appearance, but the girl was fair even in death. The reporter was reminded

be out in a few days.

scribed in a general way.

when the water was turned off.

UNCLE TOM AS END MAN.

ONE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

from this he was not disfigured.

that people who valued their lives never attended the theater. Ex-Chief of Police Hart stated that he had forbidden his children to go into the house, as he had always deemed it unsafe, and he dreaded lest such a calamity might happen. WHY HE NEVER WEST THERE. Mr. Morrell, the chemist at the Cambria Iron Works, said he hadn't been in the theater for years. He understood the floors were unsafe, and he was afraid.

CONDEMNED BY VERDICT. THE MISERABLE MAN-TRAP HANDLED WITHOUT GLOVES.

The Coroner's Jury Hears the Evidenc and Acre - Recommendation That the Authorities Interfere With Further Performances There-The Exit Entirely Too Small.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] JOHNSTOWN, December 11 .-- Coron Evans to-night gathered the jury around him in his little office on Napoleon street in Kernville, and proceeded to take further testimony. The first witness called was John Leber, cashier for Hugh O'Donnel in the restaurant business under the Opera-House, who swore that he heard a noise, and he thought the building was falling. The first thing he saw was a man come through the door and fall on the pavement. He thinks he was Mr. Parsons. He went to the door, when the crowd inside grabbed his cost, and they yelled to be pulled out. He caught one boy and dragged him out. Some men and dragged him out. Some men came along, when they pulled three others out. A crowd gathered and worked around the door. He concluded to go around on the stage, where he yelled to the people to come forward, that there was no fire, and some men were lying at the foot of the stairs. When he told them that, they gathered toward the stage. ered toward the stage. He got down to the head of the stairway shortly afterward. People wanted to know why they did'nt go People wanted to know why they did'nt go out. He told them some persons were lying in the passage way. The people did'nt even know what had happened. He got the people to go back, when they found a boy and woman who appeared to be dead. A few people went out the back way but the hall was still packed with people. Continuing the stid.

excitement had subsided Miss Burns was hall was still packed with people. Contin-uing, he said:

I also saw a dead boy and woman, and Dib-ert's son, who was hurt. When I came back to the pavement there was a big crowd. Police were clearing the street. They hit one man who was drunk, and going toward the door. First people coming down the steps fell, and lodged against the inner doors. girl had been crushed internally, and she store window, suffering great agony.

A big colored man, as he was released from the jam and tried to

walk, staggered and groaned and then fell to the ground. Little George Horner SOME DIFFICULTY TO ESCAPE. James Dillon, a walter in Hugh O'Dou-nel's restaurant, testified that as soon as he heard the noise he weat out of the resjumped down from the upper gallery and landed safely in the purquet, but the bright boy was pushed into the deatherap, and he taurant to see what was the matter. He saw saveral people lying in the door of the Opera House. "I tried," said he, "to get them out, but could not. When helped I managed to get two out. Three of us tried to get one man out, but could not; he was wedged in so tight. His body was half out on the pavement, but his legs were held in the crowd. I then went around to see what stood that the new warrant issued is based I could do at the back." He didn't go up on an affidavit covering the seven counts roon the stage, but found a lady with a child ferred to by Van Buren. The little fellow's clean white shirt and red cravat—he had evidently donned his best suit of clothes—were stained with

coming down the stairway. The electric by a man climbing over the heads of the people. O'Donnell told him to take a light so the people could see what they were doing. He thought it was about 15 minutes from

row passageway was cleared.

Manager Michael McCann, of the Opera
House, swore he was standing at the door
talking to some men about the time for
closing the show. He heard a fire bell soon the door. He opened the door and tried to go up. A number of people were sitting on the banister, and they commenced to jump over. Tried to stop them, but failed. The crowd behind pushed, and he was forced down the stairs. He thought about 20 people landed on the sidewalk before the jam clear the way. It got serious, and my wife being inside, I went around to the back stairs and went on to the stage. Told the people to keep quiet.

When the evidence had been taken, after consulting for a little while, the jury ren-

George Horner's father and mother are both quite ill, and they have the sympathy of the entire community. John Miller, the colored man who was killed, is about 20 years old. He came to Johnstown a short dered the following verdict: THE VERDICT. We, the undersigned, the inquest summoned by D. W. Evans, Coroner, to inquire into the time ago. His body was taken to Chambersause and manner of death of Lizzie Claycomb. burg, his home.

Mrs. John Nestor was a native of Johnsobn Miller, Mrs. Wesley Burns, Miss Clara Burns, Isaac Foler, George Little Horner, Mrs. Nester, Eddie Bigler, George Fresholtz and George Slonaker, find that death was caused town. Her husband is a carpenter, who worked for Ben Horner. The lady was about 25 years old, and leaves several small children to mourn ber. It is difficult to estimate the number in-It is difficult to estimate the number injured. The doctors state that they attended about 30 persons.

They also say, what is rather peculiar, that no bones are broken. Many of the hurt were squeezed hadly, but the doctors believe they are not seriously injured internally. Some suffered from the fright, but are all right to-day. With the exception of Charles Vanghu, who was crushed about the hips, it is expected that the others will be out in a few days.

George Slonaker, find that death was caused in each case by suffocation in a jam resulting from a panic precipitated by a false alarm of fire in Parke's Opera House during a theatrical performance, on the evening of December 10, 1880; and do also find that owing to the instifficient number of exits, the narrowness and faulty construction of the only one to the house, we condemn the building as entirely unsafe for any public gathering, and hereby ask the authorities to take proper measures to prevent any public assemblies in the building as now constructed.

JAMES M. SHUMAKER, GEORGE DURNER, ERHART ZANG, JOSEPH PRIOR, THOMAS SKIBERT, JACOB HORNER.

FULL LIST OF THE DEAD.

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The list of dead, with some slight description of each one as furnished by W. W. Evans at the morgue, is as follows: GEORGE SLONAKER, aged 25: came he GEORGE SLOWARER, aged 25; came here from Mt. Pleasant.

MISS LIZZIE CLAYCOMB, aged 17; domestic in the family of John Bowser, corner of Bedford and Adams streets; came here five weeks ago from Mower's Mills, Bedford county, whither her remains were taken overland to-day by her cousin. John Claycomb.

JOHN MILLER, colored; came here five months age from Chambersburg, worked for Druggist Griffith, and latterly in the restaurant under the Opera House.

MRS, WESLIEY BURNS, aged 49 years, formerly of Snyder's station, Somerset MRS. WESLEY BURNS, aged 49 years, formerly of Snyder's station, Somerset country, whither her remains will be taken in the morning on the S. & C.

MISS CLARA BURNS, aged 16, daughter of the above; remains will also be taken to Somerset county, in the morning.

ISAAC FOLER, coal miner, aged 68; came here from Benscreek; worked for W. J. Williams, of the Southside; has a brother in Oscenia, who has been notified.

GEORGE LITTLE HORNER, aged II years, son of Lafayette Horner, of the Park building, upposite Dr. Lowman's; this boy is said to have jumped from the top gallery to the parquet, probably 30 feet; his neck was broken.

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MRB JGHN W. NESTOR, aged 25 years, of the Southside, No. 256 Napoleon street.

EDWARD BLEIGLOR. aged 9 years, son of Wilham Bleiglor, of Chapin street, Consmangh borough, a heater in the Gautier; also known as Bigler.

GEORGE FRESHOLTZ, aged 22: unmarried; born in Germany, where his parents still live; he came to America a year age and to Johnstown since the flood; worked for Plack Brok, tinners.

PITTSBURG. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1889.

Frank Reeder, of Easton, Northampton

who was present, said:

A DESTRUCTIVE PLOOD.

Unprecedented Rainfall Swells California

Stronme, Causing Great Damage.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11 .- For two

weeks past heavy and almost incessant

rains have deluged California and more

water has fallen near San Francisco than has been known in the same length of time

since 1898. There was a cloudburst last night at Perry's Mill settlement on Boulder

ereck, about 80 miles from here, in which

LINDENTHAL'S BRIDGE PLAN

Has Been Officially Indorsed by the Gav-

beard appointed to examine the river at

Detroit and investigate the various plans

proposed for bridging the stream at that

point, has made a report to the Senate Committee on Commerce. The

jectionable and most conservative to ship-ping interests, and therefore the best plan.

The board to examine and report upon the best site for a proposed new bridge over the Ohio between Louisville and Jeffersonville,

Ind., report recommending that the bridge be located at or above Wall street, Louis-ville, with a channel span of at least 500

THAT ENGLISH SYNDICATE

\$4,000,000 at Dulutb.

syndicate, having completed its large in-

mills and elevators in Duluth.

Just Out of a Convent, Elopes With

Young Bartender.

age, and is employed as bartender Rochelle.

for the benefit of creditors by E. B. Heming-

way, druggist and private banker, doing

business at Whitney Point, in this county

is now regarded as a matter of great impor-tance. Hemingway's assignment was filed

Monday afternoon.

Yesterday, his creditors, upon learning that he not been seen since Saturday previous, became alarmed, and instituted inqui-

ries, and it was secertained that he was an embessier to the extent of probably about

AN ALLEGHENY AGENT ARRESTED.

uting the Company's Money.

PHILADELPHIA, December 11.-W. H.

Edams, the agent in this city of the Alle-

gheny Silk Works, the principal works of which are located in Allegheny, Pa., was

arrested to-day on a warrant issued by Magistrate Riley, charging him with fraud-ulently appropriating moneys due to the

feet in the clear.

crussest Examining Board.

## completed. The audience ant on boards supported by barrels. By some queer fatality the house began and probably will end with the performance. OUT FOR DELAMATER.

General Reeder Favors the Nomination of the Crawford Man-His Reasons for The Noted Politician Pays a Sudden the Choice—A Section of the State Solid for Him. Visit to Indianapolis.

PEPECIAL TRABGRAN TO THE DISPATOR. PHILADELPHIA, December 11,-General A NEW WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST

Speedily Sworn Out, But the Colonel Escaped the Officers.

Reference to the "blocks of five" charges was sworn out, but the officers failed to find him. At miduight the new District Attorney endeavored to put a stop to the proceedings.

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Reference tattorney endeavored to put a stop to the proceedings the origination of the various elements of the party. I want to the sold the proceedings his 15-year-old son, was one of the first men to get off of the Pennsylvania limited which arrived here this afternoon. He looked around in vain for anybody he knew, and then went to the station dining room, where he ordered dinner for himself and son.

In a few minutes the news of the Colonel's presence at the station got up town, and several persons, dut of curiosity, hastened to the depot to see him. The story was of course soon current he was in the city and was afraid to come up town. Dudley, as soon as he had finished dinner boarded a car and proceeded to the new Denison Hotel. A reporter met him at the hotel entrance and learned very quickly that an interview would not be granted.

NOTHING TO SAY. "I have not anything to say to the publie," was the Colonet's answer to the first

"It seems that you are not afraid to come

back to Indianapolis," suggested the re-"I do not know of any reason in the world

why I should be afraid to come back here," was the reply. So far as the records show Mr. Dudley was correct in intimating that there was no reason for apprehension on his part. At the United States Marshal and Clerk's office it was learned that no warrants were out nor had there been, for the arrest of Mr. Dudley. The only warrant known of was that issued in October, 1888, by Commissioner Van Buren. An affidavit was made before Commissioner Van Buren and was sworn to by Captain John A. Lang. Upon this affidavit a war-rant was issued by the Commissioner. This

district.' "There is no warrant out from this office," said Van Buren. The affidavit made by Lang contained return of the warrant "not found," the case has been entered as To-night the scene changed and it is under-

was returned indorsed, "Not found in the

A CONFLICT OF AUTHORITY. The machinery of the Federal Court here ow is in the hands of the Republicans and United States District Attorney Chambers, appointed by President Harrison. As oon as he heard that a warrant had been issued for Colonel Dudley, without any inquiry into the matter, he ordered that it be not served, and thus the matter stands at midnicht.

Dudley kept himself hidden away during the night and to-morrow goes to a soldiers' reunion as Winchester.

A BATTLE IN BRAZIT.

Imperialists and Republicans Figur, Killing ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.

NEW YORK, December 12 .- The World of this morning contains the following letter from Maranham, Brazil, dated Novem-I arrived at St. Luiz de Maranham this more ing, 400 miles from Para. I found the place in

a repressed state of excitement. There had been fighting between the Imperialists and Republicans immediately after the dethrone-ment of Dom Pedra, and on November 8 the excitement grew so great that the military fired on the people, 20 of whom were killed. The attempt to create a revolt was the Portuguese. Maranham is naturally in-clined to royalism. It is the fourth city of the empire and the capital of the rich and important province of the same name.

At present the city is quiet so far as concerns actual disturbances, but there is still much intriguing going on and serious trouble is likely to occur if the Imperialists and the Portantese perialist in refuner to school-defen the altered condition of affairs.

CASHIER SILCOTT'S SHORTAGE. The Official Report Completely Exonerate

All His Associates. WASHINGTON, December 11 .- The Silcott Investigating Committee to-day agreed to a preliminary report, and will submit it to the House to-morrow. The amount of the deficit is given, as has already been stated, at about \$71,800. The committee finds that the funds of the office have been used by the funds of the office have been used by Silcott for the purposes of discount, but to what extent cannot be stated. Forgeries of the names of members have been committed, and these are set forth in detail so far as known. The report exonerates Silcott's associates in the office, the teller and book-keeper, from any connection with his orime. A special from New York says: A rumor was current here to-day that Silcott had left this port on the bark Antoinette for Valparaiso on Wednesday last. Her agents were seen, and stated that they did not know that the vessel had any passenger on board.

INPLUENZA EVERYWHERE.

there Are New 670 Canes In One Gree Paris Store Alone. PARIS, December 11 .- The medical re ort upon the prevalent spidemic shows that there are 670 cases among the employes in

the great drygoods store, the Magasiu du Louvre. These are all cassa of simple be-nigu influenza, which ordinarily lasts only

company.

The amount withheld is not exactly known, but it is thought Edams' peculations will reach \$500. He was held for trial,

UNITED AND STRONG.

The American Federation of Labor, in Its Membership, Stands

AHEAD OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS.

county, who has been looked upon as a "dark horse" candidate for the Republican President Compers' Report of the Marked nomination for Governor, to-day declared Progress of the Past Year. himself out of the race, by declaring in favor of Senator George W. Delamater, of

FRENCH MINISTER LISTENS. Compliments the Delegates, and is Much Interested in the Proceedings.

The main features of yesterday's session of the American Federation of Labor Convention were Secretary Gompers' report and the speech of Mr. Sayward, of the Builders' Association. The French Minister of Agriculture was present as an interested spec-

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DESPATCE) BOSTON, December 11. - The red-hot ight over to-morrow's election was viewed with a good deal of interest by the delegates to the American Federation of Labor Convention. It was not a new thing for them, but it afforded a good opportunity for seeing how political wires are pulled in Boston. To-day the smoke of the battle still hangs over the City Hall, but the brave corps of Senator H. B. Packer, of Tioga county, delegates continued their deliberations with who was present, said:

The feeling in our section of the State—that is, in the counties of Tiega. Potter, McKean and Lycoming—is in favor of Senator Delamater's nomination for Governor. For myself I desire to say that he has in my judgment the qualities requisite to the making of a successful Governor. He is made of good material, and to those who are acquainted somewhat with the inside history of the party, organization he is known as an untiring and actively seatous Republican. He spent considerable time at the headquarters of the National Committee in New York, and was always regarded as a safe advisor. the ealmitess of veteran warriors. There are about 100 of them, and they are trying to formulate plans that will result in the inauguration of an eight-hour movement next May, but it is not a star chamber pro-

ceeding.

Everybody who can secure admission to the galleries has the privilege of doing so, and their crowded condition to-day is evidence of the interest in the work of the con-

PRESIDENT COMPERS' MEPORT. The annual report of President Compers was the principal feature of the day's business. It stated that there are affiliated with the American Federation 3,800 local unions, and a membership larger than in any organization in the world. Of the trades unions that did not affiliate with the Federation last year, nine have intended. have joined, and the Federation is now affiliated with nearly every trade union in the country. Efforts to establish fraternal relations with, and secure the co-operation of, other labor organizations have met with

five houses were swept away, great redwood Referring to the organization of railway trees were uprooted and the surrounding employes, the report says the isolated policy pursued by the Brotherhood of Locomotive country overflowed. Joseph F. Easton and his wife were swept down the stream and Easton was drowned. His wife crawled out upon the bank a mile below the town of Boulder Creek. She was badly injured. Many others had narrow escapes. Engineers, which is unworthy of that or-ganization, has prevented the establishment of a federation of railway men. THE EIGHT HOUR QUESTION.

The results of the conferences with the K. of L., the final decision of which is still pending, are submitted and it is suggested that the trades unions voice their sentiments unmistakably upon the disputed points. Beferring to farmers' organizations the report says all propositions received were from employing farmers, while the purpose of the federation is to organize farm labor-Many others had narrow escapes.

Great damage is reported at other interior points wherever there are streams. Bridges have been washed away, and railroads are inconvenienced by landsildes and washouts. Three inches of rain fell at Boulder in less than an hour. At Colusa the river has risen over 26 feet above low water mark, and thousands of acres are flooded.

more strict enforcement of the alien con-tract labor law and the Chinese exclusion act is set forth and the President pays his respects to the census officers of 1880, whose action in omitting the enumeration of the unemployed, he thought was designedly

following conclusions are reached: first, It is feasible to bridge over the Detroit river at Detroit; second, that a high bridge, as proposed by Mr. Lindenthal (140 feet above low water), is the least ob-A FRENCH MINISTER PRESENT. Regarding the first International Labor Congress, he suggests that the executive council he authorized to hold the congress in the city selected for the World's Fair The prospects of the general adoption of ballot reform in the several States are referred to hopefully. Action upon the prac-tice of United States army musicians com-peting with private musicians at lower rates is recommended, and definite decisions upon the management and distribution of the strike assessment is called for. Spec-attention is called to the condition of c

Has Purchased Property to the Amount of when the report had been read the delegates formed themselves into a committee of the whole to receive a genuine French count, M. Le Vicomts de Meaux, who with his daughter, was desirous of seeing a body of representative workingmen of America. He is the French Minister of Agriculture CHICAGO, December 11,-The English restments in mills and elevator property in and Commerce.

Duluth and is taking in that town, a \$4,000,000 purchase having been made this morning. Mr. Levi Myer, the attorney who is setting as an agent for the Englishmen, received a cable dispatch from his London client this morning, in which it was stated that the Duluth variety and the terms of The Count entered the council chamber with all the grace and dignity that he would have shown in the highest court in Europe, and his courteous reception by the well-dressed representatives of the laboring classes would have done credit to Lord Chesterfield that the Duluth property and the terms of purchase were satisfactory, and which inusted him to close the deal immediately. This was done.

The purchase includes some of the largest and his noble associates. The occasion was one of thrilling interest. French nobility and American independence met on an equal footing and each was honored. Count Mesux addressing President Gompers with true French snavity and distinction of mantrue French snavity and distinction of manner, said in broken English that he desired
to pay his tribute of admiration and praise
to this convention. The courtesy, the manliness, the nelpfulness and the intelligence
displayed had astounded him and he could
better realize the condition of the working
people of America from their action.

President Gompers replied, in a highly
gratified manner: "We are plain, everyday
workingmen. If there is any skillfulness or
any contest, it is because we have organ-WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., December 11 .-An elopement came to light here this morning when Thomas Dinham and Miss Alta Sickles applied to the pastor of Grace Episcopal Church to get married. Miss Sickles is a daughter of General Daniel Sickles, and a grand-daughter of George F. Sickles, who died at New Rochelle about three years ago, leav-ing an estate valued at about \$2,000,000. Miss Sickles is 18 years old, and was re-cently graduated from a Catholic convent in Montreal. Dinham is about 25 years of

any contrest, it is because we have organ-ized ourselves and learned them through organization. It is entirely through organ-ization that we have developed the manli-ness, the courtesy and the intelligence which I hope you see exhibited."

WHAT THE BUILDERS WANT. Rochelle.

HE EMBEZZLED \$75,000.

A Merchant's Failure Leads His Creditors to Make an Investigation.

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BINGHAMTON, December 11.—What was at first considered a simple assignment for the benefit of the Marchant's Failure Leads His Creditors and short speeches by delegates immediately followed the President's address, and then the convention listened attentively to what Secretary William H. Sayward, of the National Builders' Association, had to say. As it is against this association the labor unions will combine in favor of eight hours' employment per day, there was a natural in-terest to know how the builders looked upon the situation. Mr. Sayward did not commit himself or his associates, but he succeeded in pleasing the delegates with what he said. He assured the delegates that there was no real conflict between their organizations and that which he represented. They had the advantage of being first organized, and it was the re-sult of his observation that workingmen were better organized and better posted on were better organized and better posted on general economic features of interest to both sides than the employers.

In his individual capacity he was willing to doall he could to forward the prosperity of their organizations, and he thought that the more wisely and thoroughly both sides were organized the less friction and hard feeling there would be.

HARMONY AT ALL TIMES. When friction and hard feeling did comrest, but do everything possible to rest harmony. He should do all he could this end, and he wanted the delegates understand that, if in future he appeared be opposing them, he was not opposing I main principles at stake, but what he helies were raistaken and bad methods of appling these principles.

Mr. Sayward's remarks were frequently pplauded. A feature of the afternoonsion was a paper on "Immigration" amuel Leavitt, of New York. The Chine Samuel Leavitt, of New York. The Chinese, he said, are being introduced into this country with great rapidity and in defiance of the Laws. The question is whether the United States shall be a refuge for the nations or shall become a refuse of the nations. This state of things is going on at a rate which will soon force down the working classes to the lowest limits. He pointed out the methods in which immigration was encouraged, such as the low rates offered by steamship companies, and quoted largely from the utterances of public men and newspapers to show the perils of unrestricted immigration.

## ELEVEN LYNCHED.

A Desperate Band of Robbers Broken Up-Some of Their Beeds of Cracky-The Leader Abducts a Bride and Fights for Her.

CREVENNE, WWO. T., December 11 .- A report comes from the north that the people of the Big Horn Basin, Johnson county, have broken up "Kettle Jack's" band of robbers and cutthroats by lynching 11 members and driving the remainder from the county. "Kettle Jack" and four companions appeared in that region a year ago equipped for prospecting. They order was unearthed by Coroner Ashebridge established a rennezvous in the isolated in this city to-day. On November 23 a established a rennezvous in the isolated in this city to-day. On November 22 a valley high up in the mountains and lived death notice, stating that Annie McIntosh, like barbarians. The party was content to 'aged 22, had died the previous day at the fish and hunt for some months, but being residence of Mrs. Ellen Behm, No. 1923 reinforced by other desperate characters, commenced to plunder the settlers. At first ment would be at Medis, Pa., on November they only slaughtered beef and stole sup- 23. An anonymous communication called they only slaughtered beef and stole supplies, but soon they began stealing bornes, which were run into Utah and Montana.

John Benjamin and two sons followed the thieves, made a fight and were shot down and left to rot on a mountain trail. The gang had now become strong and bold, and run things to suit themselves. The basin is 90 miles by 50, and contains about 400 people, and every one lived in mortal terror of "Kettle Jack" and his gang. Cattle were driven off the range and sold at trade points.

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A hot battle occurred when Jack married a young girl whom he abducted. The father headed a rescuing party, but the citizens were repulsed with a loss of two killed. The outlaws frequently quarreled among themselves, and one is known to have been killed in a quarrel. Two hundred citizens at last determined to wipe the gang out. The outlaws did not retreat, but remained intrenched in their mountain stronghold. They were surrounded and starved out. Eleven were captured and hanged, the rest escaping across the mountains.

BLAINE WILL TAKE A HAND. The King of Corea Must Keep His Contracts With American Citizens.

WASHINGTON, December 11.-Sensto Cockrell, of Missouri, received a letter from Secretary of State Blaine yesterday in regard to the case of the three Americans who left this country about a year ago to take service under the King of Cores, and who were summarily dismissed a few days ago. Mr. Blaine, in his letter to Mr. Cockrell, states that he has cabled and since written instructions to the American Consul General at Scoul, Corea, ordering him to insist in the name of this Government that the King shall faithfully carry out every contract he has made with Colonel Cum-

The eight-hour question is recommended to the consideration of a committee, to be digested and a report made. The report suggests that in the matter of legislation the federations should formulate the legislament American notions of progress and civilization. The Corean nobility, who saw their ancient prerogatives threatened, comceeded in ousting them.

> THE END IN SIGHT NOW. Prospect of a Speedy Settlement of the

Stewart Will Case.
[SPECIAL TREEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] NEW YORK, December 11 .- The order signed by the Surrogate on Tuesday, granting power to Henry Hilton and Charles J. Clinch, executors of the will of the late Mrs. A. T. Stewart, to execute and deliver any agreement or instrument relating to the property belonging to her at the time of her death, proves to be in fact the forerunner of the final settlement of the famous contest at

Ever since last April, when both sides to the suit in court rested awaiting the sum-ming up, there have been all sorts of rumors of a compromise, and various alleged agree ments, purporting to be the terms of the

THE CROWN JEWELS STOLEN. Brazil's Former Monarch Loses His Wealth

With Bis Throne. LISBON, December 11.—The ex-Empress of Brazil has received a telegram from Rio Janeiro informing her that all her jewels have been stolen, and that the police are investigating the ease. This loss will be a

heavy blow to the Imperial family. In the collection of jewels were comprised the finest Brazillan diamonds there are in the world. If the Brazilian Republic should decline to continue Pedro's income, the loss of these treasures will be severely lelt, as they were looked upon as the chief immediate resource

COONEY CAUGHT AGAIN.

The Long Wished-For Cronin Suspect Ans Been Captured in Wisconsin. DODGEVILLE, Wis., December 11 .- A prisoner in jail, sentenced four months ago for carrying concealed weapons, is suspected to be Cooney, the Chicagoan supposed to be implicated in the Cronin tragedy. The prisoner gave the name of John Jones.

A habit of concealing bimself in his cell when any stranger entered the jail first aroused suspicion. The man tallies well with the description of Cooney.

A DEMAND UPON PORTUGAL

lican Government of Brazil. LISBON, December 11 .- Senhor Bocayura, the Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs, has cabled to Senhor H. De Barros Gomez, the Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs, a formal request that he shall have pro-claimed the recognition of the Brazilian

LONDON, December 11.-Negotiations entered upon in the hope of preventing the general strike of the workers have failed, and a strike is now imminent which may leave all of London that depends on gas in total darkness.

TOLEDO, December 11 .- H. O. Askins & Co., commission merchants, have failed. Liabilities over \$60,000, and assets between \$40,600 and \$45,000.

LONDON, December 11.—There is a rumor current here that Jack the Ripper has been aptured in France. No authority for the eport can be found.

ANONYMOUS NOTE

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Glaring Conspiracy to A BENEFICIAL ORDER.

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Young Girl's Death to

The Surprising Result Attending a Coroner's Searching Investigation.

SECURE THE INSURANCE ON HER LIFE.

An anonymous note warned Coroner Ashebridge, of Philadelphia, to investigate the death of Miss Annie McIntosh. Inquiry disclosed some signs of mystery, and the case was pushed. Yesterday a dector made a confession that he had given a false certificate to defraud an insurance order,

PHILADELPHIA, December 11,-A most remarkable attempt to swindle a beneficial ment would be at Media, Pa., on November

had been taken ill while living at service, and had come to her house for treatmen She stated that the young woman had been treated by Dr. Alexander Tait, and had died on November 21. The latter's brother, so Mrs. Behin alleged, had angaged an undertaker, who took the body away that day.

A DOCTOR'S DENIAL. Dr. Tait denied all knowledge of Missischild Mellatesh, stating that he had never prescribed for any one in the Uber street house. On same night Dr. F. Murray called on the deputy coroner and stated that he had attended a woman at the above place, who had died, but insisted that the death was "a straight one." In a subsequent interview Dr. Murray stated that he had been called upon to attend the patient who was formerly in his employ as a servant, and that on the 22nd of November a man alleging to be Robert Melntesh, the brother of the deceased, called upon him for a death certificate, which he gave him. The doctor said cate, which he gave him. The doctor said that he wrote it on a prescription blank, giving the cause of death as "Peritonitia." He also claimed that the brother was accompanied by a man who was connected with Quinby's undertaking establishment at Media. He admitted that he had not seen the body of the deceased, but had issued the certificate solely upon the information of the brother that she was dead.

AN ARREST MADE. An effort was then made to ascertain what disposition had been made of the body, the services of all the attaches of the Coroner's office being called into requisition, but sething could be learned on that point. Feeling convinced that a crime of some kind had been committed the Coroner yes terday afternoon placed Mrs. Behm under arrest, and she spent last night in This morning she acknowledged th

previous story was untrue.

When the hearing was resumed to-day
Dr. Murray was the first witness placed on
the stand. He detailed circumstantially the facts about Annie's illness, and told of the issuing of a certificate by him on learn-ing from her brother that she had died, Then Mrs. Behm was placed on the stand, and in answer to questions she said that Annie McIntosh had not died at her house and that she never knew such a person. Dr. Murray, she testified, had promised to re-wrad her handsomely for allowing her house and name to be used.

A COMPLETE CONFESSION. Dr. Murray then broke down and con-fessed that he had manufactured the story of the girl's death, in order to defraud the Order of Fraiernal Guardians out of \$625, the amount for which her life was insured. He said that Annie McIntosh was at pre alive and well at her home in the nor section of this city.

The doctor's discomfiture was complete

and after a scathing rebuke from the Coroner, he was allowed to depart, but the case will not end here, as it is thought the District Attorney will take cogniza the attempt to defraud. Mrs. Beh discharged from custody.

A PLACE FOR A BONAPARTS.

Prince Louis to be Given the Command of a Russian Regiment.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 11 .- It is reported that the Government will settle the application of Prince Louis Bonaparta, the son of Jerome, in a way not to neglect its obligations to provide for a Prince and not offend the susceptibilities of the French Government, by appointing him to a regiment stationed in the Caucasus. This Prince was in the Italian Reserve and resigned at the request of his father at a time when there was a good deal of irritation in Practice against Italian assessment it alliance. France against Italy because of its alliance

France against Italy because of its alliance with Germany.
He subsequently applied for and obtained a commission as Major of the Russian service. He asked that he might be assigned to duty in the Imperial Guard, but the Cass has now decided against that. It is not known whether the French Government had any hand in the decision reached.

NOT THE RIGHT MARY.

The Famous Peem of the Lamb Had No Hereine in Life.

Boston, December 11.—The author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" was Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, who died at Philadelphis several years ago, aged 66. With regard to the late Mrs. Tyler's connection with gard to the late Mrs. Tyler's connection with
the poem, Mrs. Hale's nephew is authority
for the statement that she had no special
person as heroine. Mrs. Tyler doubtless
had such an experience, and it is not improbable some doggerel lines were written
describing the same, but she was not the
heroine of Mrs. Hale's poem.

The lines have been at times credited to a
young school teacher. He may have written
some lines about Mrs. Tyler's lamb, but, if
so, they have been lost, as Mrs. Hale's
authorship of the lines, as known to-day,
has been clearly proved.

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HUNTING FOR A QUORUM.

An Rifert to Compel the Attendance of the Montana Senators. HELENA, MONT., December 11 .- The Senate has ordered the Sergeant at Arms to bring in the Democratic members-elect He found several of them, but they claimed they had taken no oath of office, and were private citizens, and refused to go. The Sergeant at Arms didn't attempt to use